(d) whether in West, Disney, MGM took care, in Russia, the State was ttie producer and in Japan, four or five companies took care of their history; and

(e) whether Government are considering to have proper buildings with latest technologies for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (e) NFAI was set up in February, 1964 i.e., after over 50 years'of filmmaking history in the country, by which time a number of films of the early period may have been lost forever, it is engaged in the task of preserving lindian Cinematic Heritage at par with various film archives of other countries and is also a member of FIAF (International Federation of Film Archives). NFAI has informed that no documented research is available on the loss of old prints, if any, during partition or over the passage of time, nor is there any information available on whether some of the old films were located in South Africa andThailand. Expansion of NFAI's vault space is envisaged in the 10th Plan through construction of additional storage facility.

Free to air satellite channels

575. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of free to air satellite channels operating in the country today;

(b) the number of such channels which could be accommodated inthe basic tier as defined in the Cable Network Access Act;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government will have a hand in deciding as to which free to air channels will be put in the basic tier; and

(d) what will happen to those free to air channels who will not be accommodated in the basic tier?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) The number of free to air channels available to households varies from city to city and from area to area within cities.

(b) to (d) As per sub-section (2) of section 4A of the CableTelevision Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, Central Government may specify one or more free to air channels to be included in the package of channels forming basic service tier (of free to air channels) and any or more such channels may be specified, in the notification, genere-wise for providing a programme mix of entertainment, information, education and such other programmes. Under sub-section (3) of section 4A of above said Act, Central Government may also specify the number of free to air channels to be included in the package of channels forming basic service tier and different number may be specified for different states, cities, towns or areas as the case may be.

The Government has constituted a Task Force to examine various issues related to the implementation of Conditional Access System. Supply of free-to-air channels not included in the basic service tier will be determined by market forces.

Introdcuting of set top boxes in Cable Network

576. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that set top boxes will have to be introduced in cable homes to implement Cable Network Access Act;

(b) if so, the total number of such homes and the projectd number of such boxes in the next three years, year-wise;

(c) the numbes of companies providing set top technologies and manufacturing this products and their profiles and other details thereof, company-wise;

(d) the financial magnitude of the set top box market; and

(e) the break-up of the market in terms of digital and analogue technologies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (e) In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-secion (1) of Section 4A of CableTelevision Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, the Central Government has, on 14th January, 2003, notified the 15th day of January, 2003 as the